

Attachment 4

Compromise Option

Option: Commit to a permanently manned Space Station as a long-term goal but defer commitment to specific major hardware options pending additional definition of requirements, costs and risks.

Description: Under this option, NASA would be tasked to define a program containing appropriate study, technology development, and space research that would support an architectural decision and major hardware procurement in the FY 1988 time frame and lead to a Space Station IOC in the mid-1990s. The objective of the efforts prior to 1988 would be to define more completely requirements, costs and risks of a Space Station. Special emphasis would be placed on understanding potential national security uses, recognizing that unique national security requirements may not be found.